

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 12

SURVEY NO.: B-3950

AREA: Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello

MAGI NO.: 0439505711

ADDRESS: 1600-1602 Gorsuch Avenue  
CURRENT NAME:BLOCK: 4129 LOT: 181A  
HEIGHT: 2  
CONDITION: GoodLOT SIZE:  
MATERIALS: Brick  
OWNER:  
ADDRESS:  
ACCESSIBLE: Yes, restricted  
LIBER/FOLIO:HISTORIC NAME:  
DATE: Ca. 1920  
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:  
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

## DESCRIPTION:

The building is a two-story brick commercial structure with a double storefront located on the northeast corner of Gorsuch and Kennedy Avenues in northeast Baltimore, Maryland. The double storefront has a diagonal entrance at the corner and a second store entrance facing southwest toward Gorsuch. The main corner storefront at 1600 Gorsuch has projecting display windows flanking the entry which has double doors with glazed upper panels. A transom with three vertical mullions is located above the windows and the door has a single pane transom. Both the door and the windows have chain link security screens. The storefront cornice has simple brackets and extends around the corner over both windows. The second storefront (1602 Gorsuch) has a boarded projecting display window and transom topped by a continuation of the main storefront cornice. A boarded doorway separates the two storefront windows on this elevation. The upper story on the south elevation is faced with iron spot brick. Each store has three windows on this level, with stone lintels and sills. All are boarded. The main cornice is simply molded with a parapet wall above with small piers at the corners and center of the facade. The Kennedy Avenue elevation is common bond brick.

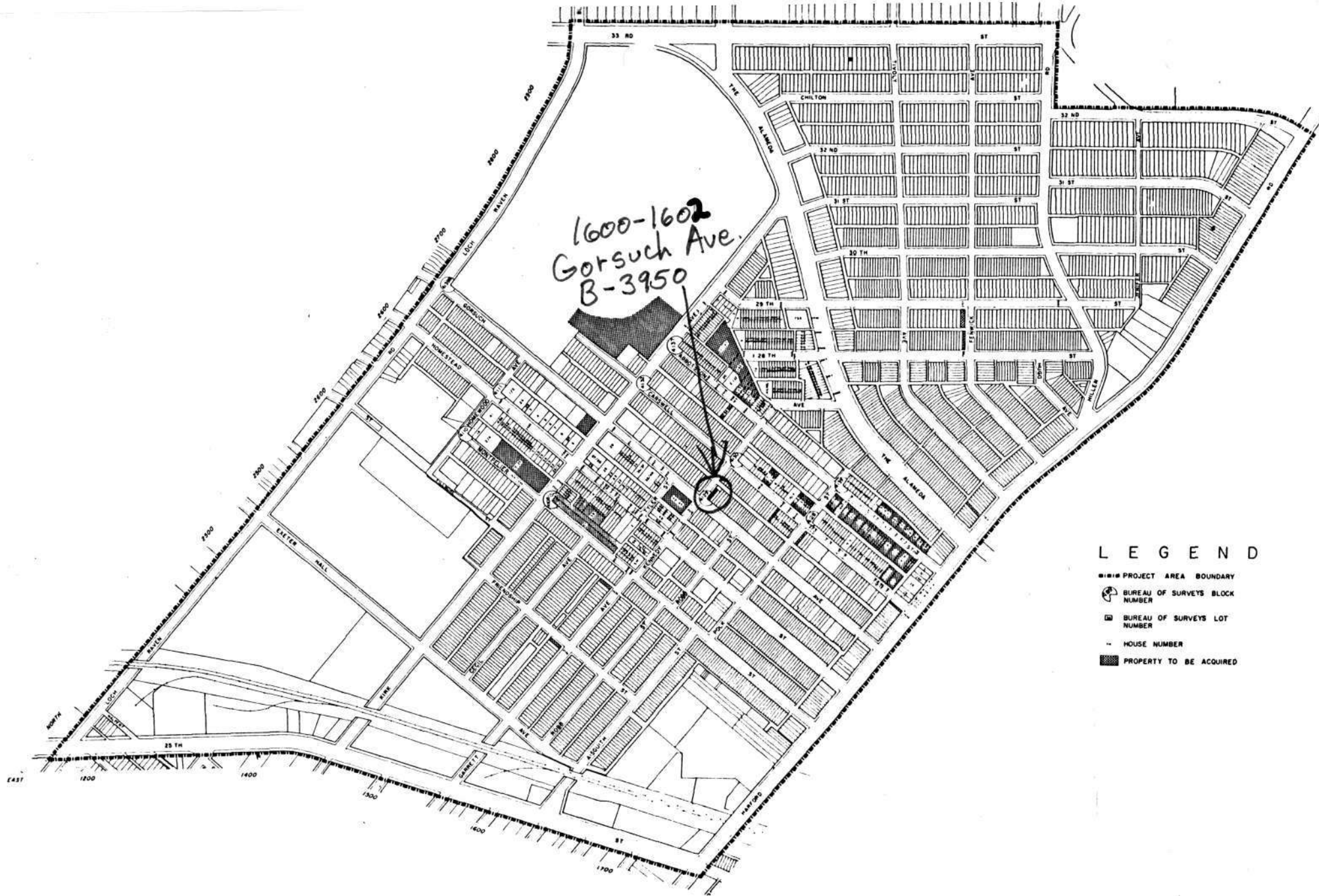
## SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA: Architecture

LEVEL: Local

The commercial building at 1600-1602 Gorsuch Avenue is a contributing structure in an undefined historic district expansion of the Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello Historic District previously determined eligible for the National Register. The boundary of the eligible area is Kennedy Avenue. The expansion district is based on its exemplification of the early 20th century suburban development of Homestead, a much later continuation of its early history. The site of 1600 Gorsuch was occupied before about 1912 by the frame building of the Homestead M.E. Church. By 1914, the church had moved to a new stone building at 1500 Gorsuch and the old building had been demolished. The storefront and adjacent rowhouses followed in the early 1920's. No. 1600 was a candy store from its construction until at least World War II. By the mid 1950's, it was a beauty salon and in the early 1960's was an air conditioning and refrigeration shop. The expansion of the original district includes early 20th century rowhouse developments which engulfed the scattered detached and semi-detached houses of the mid to late 19th century.

SOURCES: Bromley's Atlas (1896); Topo Survey Comm. Map (1914); City directories  
SURVEYOR AND DATE: Janet L. Davis, CHAP, December 1986



# LEGEND

- PROJECT AREA BOUNDARY
- BUREAU OF SURVEYS BLOCK NUMBER
- BUREAU OF SURVEYS LOT NUMBER
- HOUSE NUMBER
- PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED

## COLDSTREAM - HOMESTEAD - MONTEBELLO

PLANNING DIVISION



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



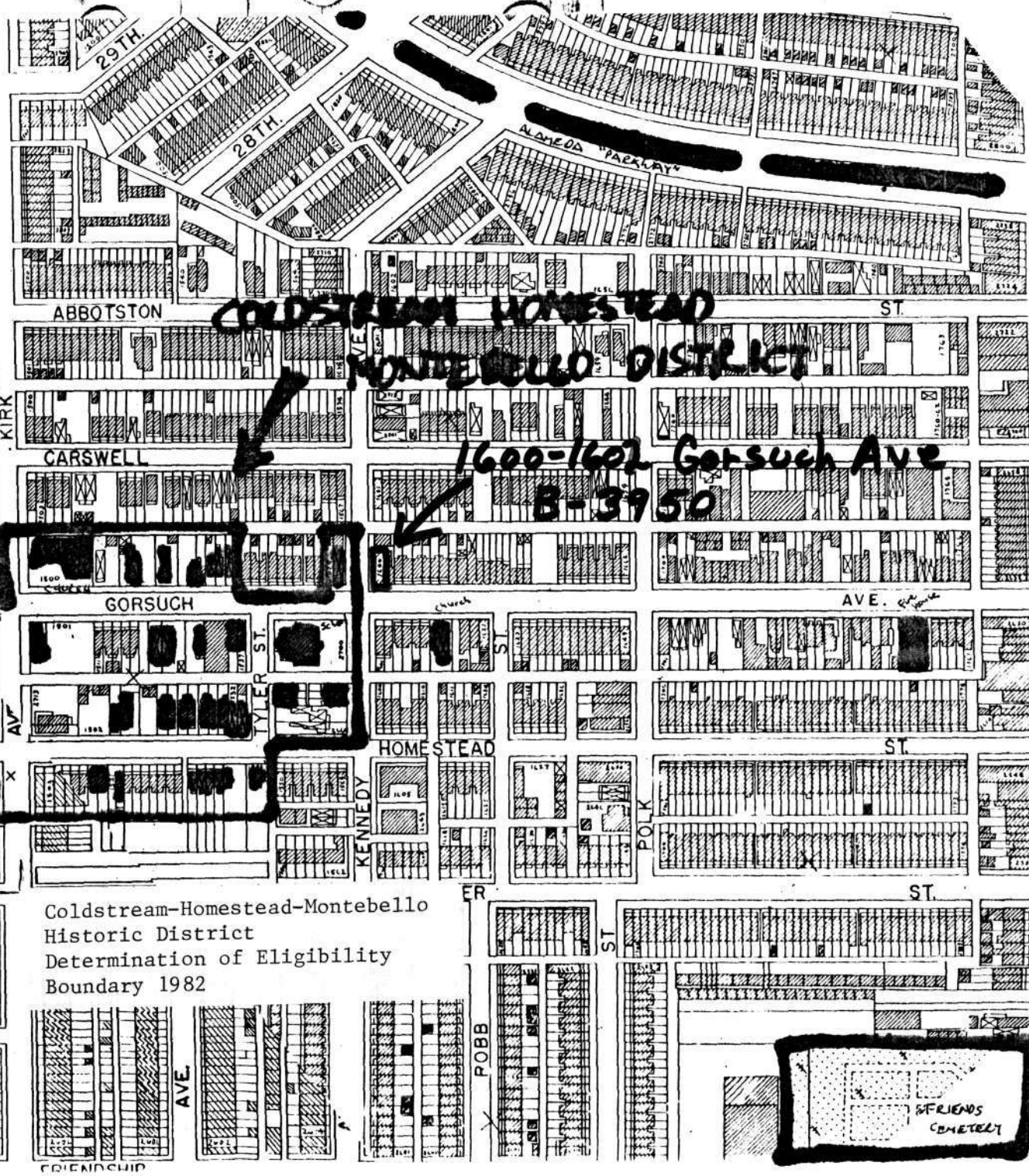
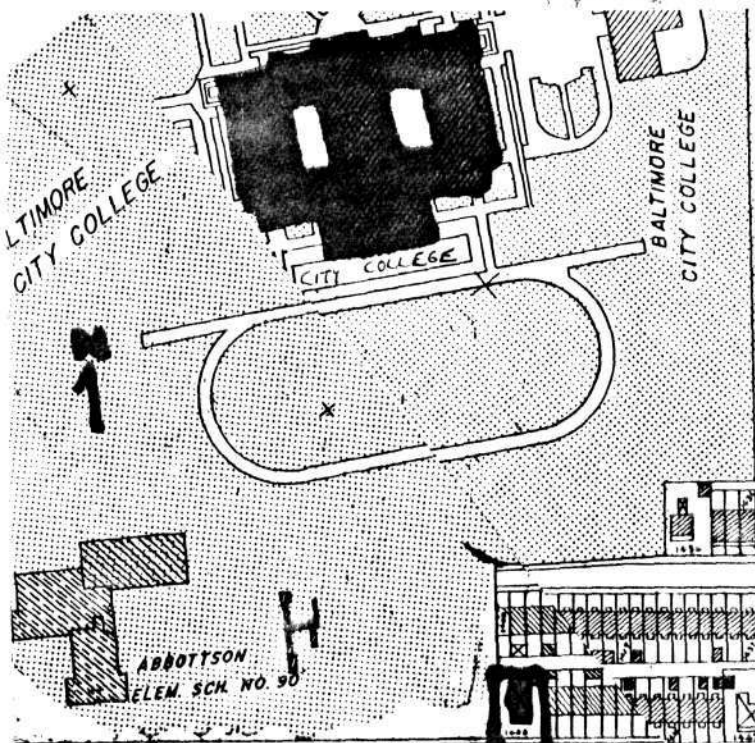
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### PROPERTY ACQ

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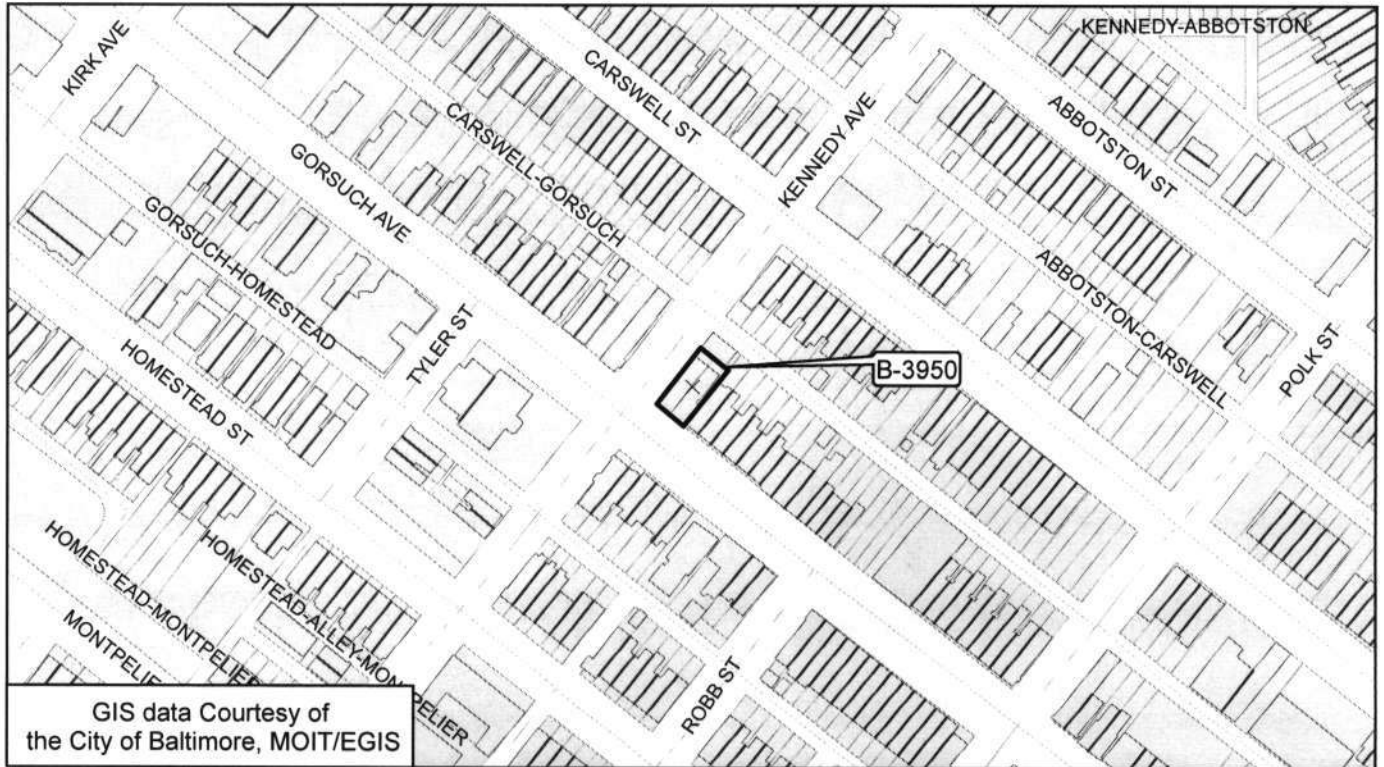


● NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE BUILDINGS (INDIVIDUALLY OR AS PART OF A DISTRICT)



Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello  
Historic District  
Determination of Eligibility  
Boundary 1982

B-3950  
1600-1602 Gorsuch Avenue  
Block 4129, Lots 001 & 001A  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





1600-1602 Gorsuch Avenue    B-3950  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Photo: Janet Davis  
Date: December 1986  
Neg. loc.: Md. Historical Trust  
Southwest corner view